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No. 9352 Uga

Passage allow to married officers

Recommends retention of allow for reasons stated.

Mr. B. Thomas, M. I. Secy

Found this on in red because CA are looking whether the allowances are to be continued or not after March 31, 1914. (see one letter on CA/43470/13 P.A.)

We now have replies from all Protectorates concerned.

Zanzibar, Uganda and P.A. all urge the retention of the £5 and £10 allowance, on the ground that the Messageries Maritimes is still considerably cheaper than the U.C. in several respects: -

- (1) The U.C return fare, Class I is £79.00 and M.M. is £72.12.0.0 (see the table enclosed in 43570).
- (2) The return half of the U.C. line is available for 12 months only, while that of the M.M. is available for 2 years so unless an officer who takes ~~with~~ his wife by the U.C. is reasonably certain that she will return within a year he takes a single ticket each way for

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and then add a further 25% to the U.C. price for return fare (see para 2 of ON 9/7504/14)

(3) On the French line food is billed about the fare in the table issue (see para 3 of ON 9/7504/14)

(4) Tips are lighter on the French Line than the U.C. (see para 3 of ON 9/7504/14) and para 4 of the U.S. dup. 9352, para 6 of the dup.)

(5) 2nd class fare for nurses are higher by the U.C. Line. (see para 3 of the U.S. dup. and para 4 of the dup.) The difference between 2nd class return fare by U.C. and In In is, according to SORCAP £9.12.10. This is condoned by CA/43470/12.

(6) Fares for young children are higher by the U.C. (children under 3 are carried free by the In In.) see para 3 of the U.S. dup. and para 5 of the dup.

(7) The U.C. charge for medical attendance C.A. have no provision that some other lines do the e.g. the P and O and the Orient. (see CA letter, NE in file 3157 E.A. annexed). They did not mention either the D.O.A.P. or the In In. as making such charges.

There are papers this is about W.M.

I think that so long as there is one line (the In In) by which married officers would prefer to travel for the sake of economy, we should not be justified in discontinuing the allowance. The S.O.F. have, I consider, made out a good case for its retention for the present.

CA note of 15.11.50 in 40700 says that members of the post that the In In Line is still in many respects cheaper than the U.C. for married officers. The S.O.F. has decided that the £5 and £10 allowances shall be continued for the present.

(8) Send dup to the 3 Pats concerned with the

Tell G.A. that the allowances will
remain on four months further unless
I tell the 3 Parties that a view of the
response which he has received the S. M.
will allow the ~~the~~ system to remain
in force, but that he is not prepared
to accept the position that so long
as there is any disparity in the cost
of travelling between the U.K. & any
^{other} foreign line the grant of the allowances
must be continued.

G.W.S.

27.3.14

J.P. Cotton

at home

H. J. O.

29/III/14

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
NAIROBI,
BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

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February 20th 1914.

~~EAST AFRICA PROTECTORATE.~~

23 MAR 4

No. 184

Sir,

L. H. 43470.13

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of 27 of the 6th ultimo on the subject of allowances for passage for officials wives.

2. I observe that you are inclined to favour the discontinuance of these allowances, but would venture to bring to your notice certain considerations which may perhaps affect your decision.

3. Although the actual first class fares are practically the same in the case of the German line, by the Messageries Maritimes they are appreciably less, in fact the difference for a first class return ticket is £8.7.10.

4. Moreover in the case of officers with families the cost of second class fares for nurses is an important item in their travelling expenses and such fares are considerably higher by the Union Castle. The difference actually between the latter line and the Messageries Maritimes for a second class return ticket being £9.12.10.

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THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

LEWIS HARCOURT, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

DOWNING STREET, LONDON, S.W.

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5. The Union Castle line also charges for infants and very young children, of whom there are a large number here now, at the rate of $1/16$ th of a fare for each year of age reckoned in advance, i. e. a child two years of age pays $3/16$ ths. The Messageries maritimes on the contrary carry them free up to three years old.

6. Apart from actual differences of fare I am informed that incidental expenses come to more on the Union Castle steamers than on those of other lines. Tips are heavier, the charges for beverages alcoholic or non-alcoholic are higher, fees are charged for medical attendance and stiff prices are demanded for the supply of drugs and medicines which passengers may require.

7. Most officials are feeling the general rise in the price of living and it is by no means an easy matter for the majority of married men to save the cost of their wives passages and if there is a family the burden is even harder. The allowances when first granted were welcomed by the Staff generally and it was understood that they would be continued until the difference between the cost of travelling by the Union Castle steamers and by other lines had disappeared.

8. I trust that I have been able to show that this is not yet the case, and would plead for the retention of the allowances, which involve no very considerable financial outlay to Government as compared with the relief, which, small as they are, they afford to the purses of a

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class which even now very frequently finds it difficult to contend with the economic situation at present obtaining in the more populous centres.

9. I have consulted the Governor of Uganda who expresses himself as being in entire accord with my views and is, I understand, himself addressing you on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your humble, obedient servant,

A. Conway Beylaid

GOVERNOR.

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30 March 1914

Sir,

I have the honour to
ack^l the receipt of y^r des^p.

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MINUTE.

To No 1
(Gov. 10676/14)

No. 184 of the 26th of Feby.,

To No 2
(Gov. 9352/14)

No. 91 of the 16th of Feby.,

Mr. Napier 28/3/14
Mr. Bellamy 28/5/14
Sir G. Fiddles.

To No 3
No. 7526/14
Sbar

No. 22 of the 2nd of Feby.,

Sir H. Just.
Sir J. Anderson.
Lord Emmott.
Mr. Harcourt.
For com^o

on the subject of the
allowances granted to
officers towards the cost
of their wives' passages by
the Union-Castle line.

2. In view of the
representations which
have been received from
the Protectorate concerned

2 drafts

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I have decided to allow
the system to remain in
force for the present. But I desire to
to grant a grant from officers to
I am not prepared to

accept the position that

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disparity, ^{whether} in the cost of
travelling between by the

Union Castle and any
other line the grant of the
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only be justified on the assumption

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Castle S. S. Co did not exist officers'
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by the line which would involve
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of passages for their wives and
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The Brown Agents.

Gentlemen,

with reference to the letter

from this Office of the 5th

of January I am etc.

to inform you that the

grant of ^{the} allowances

of £10 and £5 to

Officers of the E.A.,

Adm. & Zibar Protectorates

in respect of the

passages of their wives

by steamers of the

Union Castle line

will be continued

until further notice

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